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- 7) 10-160091
- 8) 62-258293
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- 11) 2000-304293
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- 15) 2001-265138
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References 1) - 11), 13) - 15) and 17) include an English language abstract.

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